THE PRINCIPAL

ACTS

OF THE

General Assembly,

OF THE

CHURCH

OF

SCOTLAND;

Conveened at *Edinburgh*, the 14*th* Day of *April*, 1709.

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OF THE

MARTYRS.

THE PRINCIPAL ACTS OF THE General Assembly OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND;

Holden and begun at *Edinburgh*, upon *Thursday* the 14*th* Day of *April* 1709 Years, And ending the 27 Day of the same Moneth.

I.

The Queens Commission to David *Earl of* Glasgow, *produced and ordered to be Recorded.*

At *Edinburgh*, the 14*th April* 1709. Sess. 1.

THE General Assembly of this Church, being Constituted; There was produced to them by the Right Honourable *David* Earl of *Glasgow*, Her Majesties Commission, Sealed the 11*th* Day of *April* current, with the Seal, Ordained to be kept and used in *Scotland*, in place of the great Seal of *Scotland*, and of the same Tenor with former Commissions: Appointing him Her Majesties High Commissioner, and Representative in this Assembly, which Commission being publickly Read, with all due Honour and Respect: It is by order of this Assembly Recorded in their Books, *Ad futurum rei memoriam.*

II.

Her Majesties Gracious Letter TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Eadem Sessione.

ANNE R.

RIGHT Reverend and Well Beloved, We Greet you well: We thought fit at the opening of this Assembly, to let you know, the Calm, Orderly and Decent Procedure at the last Assembly, was very acceptable to us; We are well perswaded, that you will go on the same way, so well becoming such a Meeting, and that your Deliberations will be directed, to promote true Piety and Religion: And for that end, that you will be careful, that the Vacant Churches be planted every where, with faithful and Learned Ministers, whose Lives and Doctrine, may adorn their Profession, and put a stop to Prophanity, Immorality, and prevent the grouth of Popery: On Our part, nothing shall be wanting, to convince you of our Royal Intention, to *Protect* and Maintain you in the full possession of your Rights and *Priviledges* as by Law Established. We have choise of Our Right Trustee, and well Beloved Cusin *David* Earl of *Glasgow*, to Represent our Person, of whose Fidelity, and other good Qualities, especially his Affection to the Church of *Scotland*, We have had several good proofs in former Assemblies: He is instructed in what we have thought further necessary for the present Exigence, and therefore you may give him entire Trust; And so We bid You Heartily Farewell.

Given at Our Court at St. James's the 19*th Day of* March 1709, *And of our Reign the Eight Year.*

By Her Majesties Command,

QUEENSBERRY.

III. The

III.

The General Assemblys *Answer*,

TO HER

Majesty's most Gracious Letter.

Edinburgh, 16 of *April* 1709. Sess. 3.

May it please Your Majesty,

YOUR Gracious continuing to Countenance our Assemblies, with the Expressions of your Royal Satisfaction wherewith we are Honoured, is to us, most acceptable; So that we should be unaccountably wanting to our Duty, if after such obliging Marks of your Royal Favour, we should not be careful to manage our selves in such manner, as we may still have the Happiness, to enjoy full Assurances of your Royal Goodness.

Since the last Assembly, we have had, by Report of those sent from it, to signify to your Majesty in name of this Church, our unalterable Duty and Affection to your Majesties Person and Government, such signal proofs of your Royal Care and Concern, to Maintain us in the Rights and Priviledges, whereof we are lawfully possessed, and of your *Pious* Zeal for propagating Christian Knowledge, preventing the growth of *Popery*, and suppressing *Prophaneness* and Immorality, that we should be undutiful to God, unthankful to your Majesty, and unfaithful to our Trust, if we did not in our Stations contribute our utmost endeavours, to promote the study and practice of pure Christianity, in opposition both to *Popery* and Impiety, being sensible that these are not only provocking to GOD, and a Reproach to the Nation, but really inconsistent with the Security and Honour of your Majesties Government and Interest, and *Peace* of this Church.

It hath been and shall be still our care to have Vacant Churches planted every where with Faithful *Learned* and *Pious* Ministers, to which the Assurance we have of your Royal Intentions, to *Protect* and Maintain us, gives us so great Encouragement; And we do with all reckon it our

great Happineſs, that we may upon good Grounds, affirm to your Majeſty, that the preſervation of our preſent Eſtabliſhment, is ſo united with the Intereſt of your Majeſties Government in this Nothern part of Great *Brittain*, that they have the ſame common Friends and Enemies.

The choice your Majeſty hath been pleaſed to make of the Earl of *Glaſgow*, to Repreſent your Royal Perſon in this Aſſembly, is a farder and moſt obliging confirmation to us of your Majeſties tender Concern, for the Peace and Proſperity of this Church, and we ſhall very readily in all things give Him that entire Truſt your Majeſtie requires.

And now your Majeſty will allow us, to congratulate with all Thankfulneſs to GOD, the happy and glorious Succeſs of the Armies of your Majeſty, and your Allies againſt your Enemies in the late Campaign: And may our good and gracious GOD, continue to proſper your Forces, until your Majeſty obtain a happy and laſting Peace to Afflicted Chriſtendom with a juſt Relief, and Reſtitution to all diſtreſſed Proteſtants; and ſtill preſerve your Majeſties Perſon, and proſper all your Councils and Government to his own Glory, and the Peace and Happineſs of all your good Subjects:

May it pleaſe Your Majeſty,

Your Majeſties moſt Faithful, moſt Obedient and moſt Humble Subjects,

The Miniſters and Elders, met in this National Aſſembly of the Church of Scotland.

Signed in Our Preſence, in Our Name, and at Our Appointment, By

Jo. Currie Moderator.

IV. *Act*

IV.

Act concerning Peoples Behaviour in time of Divine Worship.

At *Edinburgh*, the 18th of *April*. 1709. *ante merid.* Sess. 4.

THE General Assembly considering the great Reverence and Holy Fear, that is owing to the Infinitly Glorious and Holy GOD, by his Rational Creatures, especially when they are Imployed in Acts of immediate Worship, such as Prayer and Praise; Do therefore seriously Recommend it to Persons of all Ranks, that considering in whose Presence they are, and with what deep Humility the Glorious GOD is to be Adored by sinful Men, they would forbear Bowing and other Expressions of Civil Respect, and Entertaining one another with Discourses, while Divine Worship is performing, and Holy Ordinances are dispenceing: And that as to this Matter, People carefully observe what is enjoyned in the first Head of the Assemblies Directory for the publick Worship of GOD in this Church, Entituled, *Of the Assembling of the Congregation, and their Behaviour in the publick Worship of GOD:* And Ordains this to be Intimated in the several Congregations of this Church.

V.

Act concerning planting the Highlands, *and Probationers having the* Irish *Language.*

At *Edinburgh*, 18 *April* 1709, *ante Merid.* Sess. 4.

THE General Assembly considering, that several Probationers, who have lived in the *Highlands* in their Childhood, but through disuse have lost much of the *Irish* Language, yet upon Application thereto, have soon recovered it, and have been very useful, and that some Probationers, who in their younger Years, have lived in the *Highlands*, and had the *Irish* Language, and can still speak it, do notwithstanding excuse themselves from Preaching in that Language, whereby the Acts of Assembly are eluded: Therefore and in order to the more effectual planting of the *Highlands*: The General Assembly does Appoint and Ordain, that when any Presbytery is to take a young Man un-

der Tryal, who hath lived for sometime of his younger Years in the *Highlands*, or where the *Irish* Language is generally spoken; They write to that Presbytery in whose Bounds he hath lived the said time, to make enquiry, whether such a person hath the *Irish* Language, or might soon acquire it, and upon report that he hath it, or may soon acquire it, that he be sent to supply in the *Highlands*, as one that hath the *Irish* Language; And if the Presbyteries receiving such Men on Tryals shall neglect the Premisses, and settle any in these circumstances in a Congregation having only the *English* Language; The Assembly certifies such Presbyteries that they shall be Censured, and the Person so settled shall be Transportable to any *Highland* Congregation that shall call him, and shall be lyable to be sent as a Supply to the *Highlands*, any such settlement notwithstanding: And the General Assembly does Impower their Commission to be named by them, to receive Complaints from any Presbytery or Paroch in the *Highlands*, who shall find themselves lesed in this matter, and to put this present Act in Execution in all points.

VI.

Act and Recommendation for furthering the Design of propagating Christian Knowledge.

Edinburgh, 19 *April* 1709. *post Merid.* Sess. 5.

THE General Assembly taking to their serious Consideration, the Instructions given by the last Assembly to their Commission, to give all due Assistance and Encouragement to any Proposals to be made for propagating the Knowledge of God and our Lord Jesus Christ in the *North*, the *Highlands* and *Islands*, and Forreign parts of the World, and that the said Assembly had appointed a Committee to receive in Reports from Presbyteries of the Advances made in the Subscriptions for promoteing the foresaid Design, and to Act and Manage in that matter under the inspection, and by the Direction of the foresaid Commission, and the General Assembly having heard the Report of the said Commission, that there are now very considerable Advances made in the said Subscriptions; And Her Majesty having by Her Royal Proclamation, dated the Eighteenth day of *August* last by past, with the Advice of Her Privy Council approven of, and Recommended the foresaid Charitable Design, and Declared Her Resolution, to grant Her Letters patent for Erecting the Sub-

Subscribers unto a Society and Corporation for managing that Affair; And the General Assembly considering that the Glory of GOD, and the Advancement of the Kingdom of Christ in the Eternal Salvation of the Immortal Souls of People, are deeply interested in this truely *Pious* and Glorious Design; And that the Zeal and forwardness of others, both in *England* and the United *Provinces* in carrying on such a Work, hath been blessed of GOD, with wonderful and Comfortable Success; Do's therefore with all earnestness, beseech and exhort all the People of this National Church, to contribute their best endeavours in their Stations, to promote this noble and excellent Undertaking; And particularly that in Zeal for the Glory of GOD, and in Pity and Compassion toward many Thousands in this Church and Nation, Especially in the *Highlands* and *Islands*, who live in Barbarity and Ignorance, and toward so great a part of the World, as is this day perishing for lacke of Knowledge, they would cheerfully embrace this precious opportunity of Honouring the LORD with their Substance, and making to themselves Friends of the Mammon of Unrighteousness; And the Assembly does seriously recommend to the Ministers and Elders of this Church, to go through their Respective Parishes, on such Days as the several *Presbytries* shall Appoint, and receive and collect Subscriptions for, or Contributions of Money from such Persons, whose Hearts GOD shall encline thereunto; and that Ministers take occasion on a Sabbath before they begin this Work, to Read and Intimate this Act from the Pulpit to their Respective Congregations, and to Exhort, Excite, and stirr up their *People* to Subscrib or Contribute according to their Ability on this occasion, And the Assembly does hereby recommend to the several *Presbyteries* within this Church to be careful to promote the taking Subscriptions, and making Collections for the end foresaid, within their Respective Bounds so soon as conveniently can be, and where Parishes are Vacant, that they appoint some of their Number to Preach, and intimate this Act, and join with the Elders of such Parishes, if any be, or with such of the Heretors or Parishioners as will assist in taking Subscriptions and making Collections as is above expreſt; And that the several Presbyteries do without delay call for, and take in Reports from all the Ministers within their Bounds containing a particular account of the Subscribers and Sums Subscribed for, and Money Collected in each Parish, and send an Extract thereof Subscribed by their Moderator and Clerk, to the Clerk of the Commission of this Assembly, and thereafter upon Advertisement from the said Commission, send in the principal Subscriptions and Money Collected, to be delivered to any person whom

the Society for propagating Christian Knowledge, when Constituted, shall appoint to receive the same, upon his Receipt thereof; And the General Assembly does hereby instruct and impower their Commission to be Appointed by them, to promote by all proper means the foresaid Glorious Design of propagating Christian Knowledge, and appoints the Agents of the Church, to dispatch Printed Copies of this Act to all the Presbyteries of this Church, for the ends foresaid

VII.

Act concerning the better attendance of Members on the General Assembly.

At *Edinburgh*, 19 *April* 1709, *post merid.* Sess. 5.

THE General Assembly finding that some Presbyteries send not their full Representation to General Assemblies, and that some Commissioners from Presbyteries, do not attend conform to their Commissions, does therefore strictly enjoin all the Presbyteries of this Church, to send their full Representation to Assemblies, and that they make choise of such as are able to attend; And whom they have reason to believe, will give due attendance, and with respect to such as are chosen Commissioners to General Assemblies, who wholly absent themselves from the Assembly; The Clerk of the Assembly is hereby appointed to send their Names to their several Presbyteries and Synods: And the Assembly Ordains, that for the first fault, they be Censured by their Presbytery, and that the Censure be Recorded in their Presbytery Books; And for the second Fault, that they be Censured by the Synod of their Bounds, and the Censure Recorded in their Synod-Books; And that for the third Fault, they be Suspended by their Respective Synods or Presbyteries, conform to the Act Session 27 *ult. Aug.* 1647. Entituled, *Act for Censuring Absents from the General Assembly:* And in case it shall happen that any of the Persons chosen to Represent Presbyteries shall fall Sick, or have any other lawful Excuse for not attending the Assembly, The General Assembly appoints that in due time, they acquaint the Moderator of their Presbytery therewith, and the Moderator is hereby Impowered to call a Meeting of the Presbytery *pro re nata*, in order to make choise of other fit Persons in their roum, and if the Presbyteries or Synods shall find cause, to sustain the Excuses offered by their said Commissioners, the Assembly Ordains, that what is offered by way of Excuse, be also Recorded in their

Books

Books, and as to such Persons as shall withdraw from Assemblies before the Dissolution thereof, the Clerk of the Assembly is ordained to send an account thereof to their Presbyteries, that they may as they see cause admonish them therefore.

VIII.

Act concerning a FAST.

At *Edinburgh* the 25th of *April* 1709.

THE General Assembly being sensible of the many evident Signs of Gods Displeasure against this Land, manifested by the Unseasonableness of the Weather, especially in Seed time, with the sad Effects thereof in the present Dearth and threatned Scarcity; and the great loss of Flocks and Cattle in divers parts of the Land, and by many spiritual Plagues on all Ranks, justly inflicted upon us by an Holy and Righteous God, for our great and manifold Sins, committed against the cleerest Gospel Light, and most solemn Engagements, and deepest Obligations to the contrary: And notwithstanding of the many signal Mercies and remarkable Deliverances, that God hath been pleased to bless us with; The forgetting of which, and our unanswerableness thereto, is none of the least of our Transgressions; Do's judge it necessary, that a Day be set apart for solemn *Prayer*, Fasting and Humiliation before the Lord, for the Causes abovementioned: And the General Assembly finding it convenient at this time, to refer it to the several Synods and *Presbyteries*, to name a Day for this solemn Duty; Do's ordain them as soon as possible, to set apart a Day for solemn publick Prayer, Fasting and Humiliation in all the Churches within their Respective *Bounds*, upon the Accounts foresaid. And the General Assembly recommends it to all the Ministers of this Church, to be most serious in holding furth to their People on that occasion, the hainous Sins of this Land, both of the former and present times, and for their direction therein, they are hereby referred to the Causes of former publick Fasts, specially in the Years 1690, 1700, and 1701. And to Exhort all Ranks of Persons to flee to Christ for *Peace* and *Pardon*, and to unfeigned Repentance, thorough Reformation, and fervent *Prayer* to God, that he would be graciously pleased to pour out the Spirit from on high upon *Persons* of all Ranks, Bless his Ordinances with more Success, remove all our Distempers, heal our Breaches, defeat all Designs, tending to the disturbing of

the publick Peace, either by Foreign Invasion, or Inteſtine Broils in favours of a Popiſh Pretender: That he would preſerve and bleſs the Perſon of our gracious Soveraign the Queen, direct her Councils, and favour her Forces by Sea and Land with Succeſs, ſo as that this long, Bloody and Expenſive War, may Iſſue in ſuch a Peace, as ſhall be for the Intereſt of the Reformed Religion, and for the Relief and Reſtitution of diſtreſſed Proteſtants in *France* and elſewhere, and of the juſt Liberties of *Europe*, that he would Bleſs the Seaſon, and Crown the Year with his Goodneſs: And the Aſſembly Ordains thir Preſents to be read by all the Miniſters of this Church, from their Pulpits upon the Lords Day, before the Day appointed by their Reſpective Synods or Presbyteries, for the obſervation of this Faſt; And for this end that thir Preſents be Printed, that Copies thereof may be in readineſs, for the Commiſſioners from the ſeveral Presbyteries to take along with them.

IX.

Commiſſion to ſome Miniſters and Ruling Elders for diſcuſſing ſeveral Affairs referred to them.

At *Edinburgh*, *April* 26th, 1709. *ante merid.* Seſſ. 12.

THE General Aſſembly taking to their Conſideration, that there are ſeveral weighty Affairs, which they cannot overtake; Do's therefore Nominat and Appoint their Reverend Brethren, Maſters *Thomas Vernour* at Balmaclellan, *Hugh Campbel* at Muirkirk, *Patrick Simſon* at Renfrew, *Duncan Campbel* at Knapdale, *William Mitchel* at Dundee, *John Law* at Edinburgh, *George Hamilton* there, *William Calderwood* at Ligerwood, *James Armſtrang* at Cannabie, *James Black* at Graitney, *William Aikman* at Ruthwal, *Samuel Telfer* at Johnſtoun, *David Wightman* at Aplegirth, *James Elder* at Kier, *Thomas Tod* at Deriſdeer, *Robert Paton* at Dumfries, *James Guthrie* at Irongray, *Alexander Robertſon* at Tinwald, *Andrew Cameron* at Kirkcudbright, *Andrew Ewart* at Kells, *James Monteith* at Borgue, *Robert Rowan* at Penninghame, *Thomas Campbel* at Monygaff, *Thomas Kennedy* at Ballintrae, *Robert Boyd* at *Andrew Rodger* at Galſton, *James Gilchriſt* at Kirkmichael, *Henry Oſburn* at Torboltone, *Mungo Lindſey* at Dalgean, *James Lawrie* at Dalrymple, *George Chalmer* at Kilwinning, *John King* at Dalry, *Robert Cameron* at Bieth, *James Mackdowal* at Merns, *John Paiſly* at Lochenoch *Ro-*

Robert Miller at Port-Glaſgow, *John Stirling* Principal of the Colledge of Glaſgow, *John Simſon* Profeſſor of Divinity there, *James Clerk* at Glaſgow, *John Gray* there, *Robert Wylie* at Hamilton, *Alexander Finlator* there, *John Hamilton* at Strevan, *Thomas Linning* at Leſmahego, *John Macklaran* at Carſtares, *John Hepburn* at Crawfordmuir, *George Park* at Kilearn, *Robert Wallace* at Badernock, *Robert Mackfarlan* at Buchannan, *Daniel Macklauren* at Kilfinnan, *John Campbel* at Kilmoden, *James Boes* at Campbelton, *Dougal Campbel* at Southend, *Daniel Campbel* at Glaſſary, *Alexander Campbel* at Inverary; *Martine Mackpherſon* at Sleatt, *Archibald Mackqueen* at Snizard, *Neil Campbel* at Lochaber, *Daniel Moriſon* at Kilbranden, *Alexander Glaſs* at Kinclevan, *Alexander Chapman* at Monedie, *Samuel Nairn* at Errol, *Alexander Dunning* at Abernethie, *Thomas Black* at Perth, *Andrew Darling* at Kinoule, *Thomas Buchannan* at Tulliallan, *George Campbel* at Kilmadock, *Hugh White* at Lerbert, *Robert Mackaulay* at Stirling *John Murray* at Trinity Gask, *John Drummond* at Crieff, *Andrew Burgh* at Mathertie, *Andrew Thomſon* at Orwell, *James Hog* at Carnock, *James Cuthbert* at Culroſs, *David Pitcairn* at Dyſart. *James Grierſon* at Wemyſs, *John Currie* at Kinglaſſie, *William Dick* at Couper, *James Henry* at Criech, *Thomas Burrel* at Cults, *Alexander Anderſon* at Falkland, *Joſeph Drew* Principal of the Leonardine Colledge of St. Andrews, *James Hoddow* Principal of the New Colledge of St. Andrews, *John Anderſon* at St. Andrews, *Robert Fairweather* at Creill, *John Craigie* at St. Monans, *William Lyon* at Airley, *John Thomſon* at Alyth, *Samuel Johnſtoun* at Dundee, *Patrick Johnſtoun* at Auchterhouſe, *James Adam* at Kinnaird, *George Wemyſs* at Fearn, *John Williſon* at Brichen, *James Trail* at Montroſe, *John Ferguſon* at Aberbrothwick, *Charles Chartres* at Aberlet, *John Thomſon* at Mary-kirk, *David Ramſay* at Fettercairn, *James Robertſon* at Glenmuick, *John Sheperd* at Midmar, *James Oſburn* Profeſſor of Divinity in the Colledge of Aberdeen, *Thomas Blackwel* at Aberdeen, *Alexander Mitchel* at Belhelvie, *William Johnſton* at Auchindore, *William Leſly* at Chapel of Garioch, *Alexander Shand* at Inch, *Alexander Auchinleck* at Fraſersburgh, *Peter Darling* at Boyndie, *John Turin* at Dumbler, *David Anderſon* at Foveran, *Alexander Chalmer* at Marnoch, *Alexander Anderſon* at Duffus, *Joſeph Sanderſon* at Alvis, *David Dalrymple* at Dundurcas, *James Bannerman* at Inveraven, *Charles Primroſe* at Forreſs, *William Stewart* at Inverneſs, *Alexander Fraſer* at Croy, *George Gordon* at Cromertie, *Daniel Mackgilligin* at Killimure Eaſter, *Hugh Monro* at Tain, *Archibald Bowie* at Dornoch in Sutherland, *Hugh Corſs* at Bowar in Caithneſs, *William Mackbeath* at Olrig there, *John Gibſon* at Evie in Orknay, *Thomas Keith* in Sanday, *James Miln*

at Lerwick in Zetland, *William Carſtairs* Principal of the Colledge of Edinburgh, *Thomas Wilkie* at Canongate, *David Blair* at Edinburgh, *John Moncrief* there, *William Wiſhart* there, *William Hamilton* at Cramond, *George Barclay* at Uphall, *Alexander Dalgleiſh* at Linlithgow, *Thomas Miller* at Kirkliſton, *John Brown* at Abercorn, *Robert Livingſtoun* at Biggar, *John Sandilands* at Dolphinton, *Andrew Mitchel* at Manour, *Alexander Walker* at Kirkurd, *John Wallace* at Drumelzier, *John Flint* at Leſwade, *Patrick Cumming* at Ormiſton, *William Mackgeorge* at Pennycook, *John Currie* at Haddington, *Matthew Reid* at Northberwick, *James Smith* at Morholm, *Andrew Broun* at Spott, *Thomas Finlay* at Preſtonkirk, *John Dyſert* at Coldingham, *John Pow* at Lennel, *Thomas Anderſon* at Edrom, *John Lawder* at Eccles, *Walter Heart* at Bunckle, *James Dowglaſs* at Stow, *George Logan* at Lawder, *James Ramſay* at Kelſo, *John Simſon* at Marbottle, *Thomas Thomſon* at Southdean, *Daniel Mackay* at Jedburgh, *William Guſtard* at Crealin, *George Byers* at St. Boſwals, and *Gabriel Wilſon* at Maxtoun Miniſters. *John* Duke of Athol, *William* Marqueſs of Lothian, *John* Earl of Rotheſs, *Davia* Earl of Buchan, *William* Earl of Kilmarnock, *John* Earl of Rutherglen, *Patrick* Earl of Marchmount, *James* Earl of Seafield, *John* Earl of Hyndford, *David* Earl of Glaſgow, *Charles* Lord Yeſter, *Patrick* Lord Polwarth, *James* Lord Carmichael, *William* Lord Forbes, *William* Lord Roſs, *Robert* Lord Burleigh, Sir *Hugh Dalrymple* of Northberwick Lord Preſident of the Seſſion, *Adam Cockburn* of Ormiſtoun Lord Juſtice Clerk, Sir *William Anſtruther* of that Ilk, Sir *John Maxwel* of Pollock, Sir *Robert Steuart* Tullicultry, Sir *Gilbert Eliot* of Minto, Sir *Alexander Ogilvy* of Forglen, Mr. *John Murray* of Bowhill Senators of the Colledge of Juſtice, Sir *James Steuart* Her Majeſties Advocat, Mr. *John Campbel* of Mamore, Mr *Francis Montgomery* of Giffan, Colonel *John Erskine* of Carnock Mr. *John Melvil* of Carskerdo, *John Corsbie* Provoſt of Drumfries, Lieutenent Colonel *William Maxwel* of Cardoneſs, Sir *Samuel Mackclellan* late Lord Provoſt of Edinburgh, *Patrick Dunbar* of Machrimore, Mr. *James Boſwal* of Auchinleck, *John Alexander* of Blackhouſe, Sir *David Steuart* of Cultneis, Mr. *Walter Steuart* Advocat, *Robert Rodger* Provoſt of Glaſgow, *Hugh Montgomery* of Busby, Sir *James Smollet* of Bonhill, Sir *James Campbel* of Auchinbreck, Sir *James Campbel* of Ardkinlois, Sir *James Campbel* of Aberuchel, Lieutenent Colonel *John Erskine* Governour of Stirling Caſtle, Mr. *Alexander Abercromby* of Tullibody, Mr. *Robert White* of Bennochie, *Thomas Miller* Writer in Alyth, *John Scrimzeor* of Kirkton, Mr. *Arthur Forbes* of Echt, *John Allardes* Provoſt of Aberdeen, *John* Roſs of Arnage, *Lodovick Grantt* of that Ilk Elder, Colonel *Alexander Grantt* of that Ilk younger, *William Duff* of Dipple,

Mr.

Mr. *William* Brodie Advocat, Mr. *William Dallas* of Bodgate, Sir *Robert Monro* of Foulis, Sir *William Gordon* of Dalfolly, Mr. *Robert Dunbar* of Northfield, Sir *Patrick Johnstoun* Lord Provoſt of Edinburgh, *William Hutchiſon* late Baillie there, Sir *James Steuart* of Goodtrees Younger, Sir *Walter Pringle* Advocat, *Walter Steuart* of Pardivin, *William Baillie* of La-Lamingtoun, Mr. *Alexander Meinzies* of Coulterallas, Sir *John Clark* of Pennycook, Sir *William* Baird of Newbyth, Sir *John Swinton* of that Ilk, Sir *John Steuart* of Allanbank, Sir *John Pringle* of Stitchel, *George Baillie* of Jerviſwood, Mr. *James Gellie* Advocat and Sir *Hugh Cunninghame* of Craigend; To be Commiſſioners of this Aſſemble, to the effect aſtermentioned, with full power to the ſaid Perſons, or their *Quorum*, which is hereby declared to be any Twenty one of the ſaids Commiſſioners, whereof Fifteen are alwayes to be Miniſters, to meet and conveen within the Aſſembly Houſe here at *Edinburgh*, the firſt Day after the Diſſolution of this Aſſembly at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon; And afterward, the firſt Wedneſdays of *Auguſt*, and *January* next, and oftner when and where they ſhall think needful and convenient, with Power to the ſaid Commiſſioners to chuſe their own Moderator: And ſicklike, the General Aſſembly fully Impowers, and Authoriſes their ſaids Commiſſioners or their *Quorom* abovementioned, to cognoſce and finally determine as they ſhall ſee cauſe, in every matter referred, or that ſhall be referred to them by any Act or Order of this Aſſembly, except it be otherwayes reſtricted, and to do every thing contained in, and conform to the Inſtructions to be given them by this Aſſembly, and to advert unto the Intereſt of the Church on every occaſion, that the Church and preſent Eſtabliſhment thereof, do not ſuffer or ſuſtain any prejudice, which they can prevent, as they will be Anſwerable, providing this general Clauſe be not extended to particular Affairs or Proceſſes before Presbytries or Synods, that may not be of univerſal Concern to, or influence upon this whole Church: And the ſaid Commiſſioners are hereby ſtrictly prohibited and diſcharged, to meddle in any other Matters, than what are committed or referred to them as abovementioned; And in all their Actings they are to proceed according to the Acts and Conſtitutions of this Church, and do nothing contrary thereto, or to the prejudice of the ſame; Declaring, that in and for all their Actings they ſhall be accountable to, and Cenſurable by the next General Aſſembly as they ſhall ſee cauſe, and this Commiſſion is to continue and endure till the next General Aſſembly, and Members are required to attend the Dyets of the ſaid Commiſſion, and Abſents therefrom ordered to be noticed, according to the 17*th* Act of the General Aſſembly, 1706

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And for the better securing of a *Quorum* and attendance of Members on the Commission. The General Assembly prohibits the Presbytry of *Edinburgh*, and other *Presbytries* within Twelve Miles thereof, to meet any of the Days or Weeks appointed for the Meetings of the Commission; And such of the Members of these *Presbytries* as are of the Commission, are required all of them to give punctual attendance on the Dyets thereof, and Presbyteries at a greater distance, who have four or moe Members on the Commission, are to take care, that at least two of them attend each Dyet of the Commission.

X.

Instructions to the Commission of the General Assembly.

At *Edinburgh* the 26 Day of *April*, 1709.

THAT the Commission as often as they shall see cause, apply to the Government or any Magistrate for their countenanceing of, and concurring with the Judicatories of the Church, in what the *Law* allows, and for putting in Execution the *Laws* against *Popery* and *Prophaneness*, and seeking Redress of Grievances, and Abuses, and Disorders committed contrary to the Established Doctrine, Worship, *Discipline* and Presbyterian Government of this Church, the contempt of the Censures of the Judicatories thereof, inflicted on Scandalous Persons, and that they assist Presbyteries and Synods in planting Vacancies as they shall be applyed to by them.

2. That when any of the Ministers who served under the late *Prelacy*, whose Lives and Doctrine may render them useful to this Church, shall apply for Reception unto a share of the Government thereof: The General Assembly do hereby Impower and Recommend to their Commission, to receive them, according to the thirteenth paragraph of the sixteenth Act of the General Assembly, *anno* 1697, and that the foaesaid Commission be careful to get due Information from the *Presbyteries* where these persons applying did or do officiat, and for the time reside.

3. That the said Commission use their outmost diligence for getting payment of the Money gifted by the Queens Majesty, for defraying the publick charges of the Church, and in disposing thereof, they are to take care, that the publick Debts of the Church be first payed, according to an Act past in this As-

ſembly thereanent, and to the Inſtructions given to the Commiſſion of the General Aſſembly *Anno* 1706, which are hereby renewed, and that the Encouragement granted by the General Aſſembly *Anno* 1699, to Miniſters and Probationers who go *North*, or to the *Highlands* and *Iſlands* to Preach be rendered effectual; And likewayes that the ſaid Commiſſion cauſe defray the extraordinary Charges and Expences that Presbyteries and Miniſters have been at, particularly in theſe places, in carrying on the planting of Churches and other publick Affairs of the Church there.

4. And the foreſaid Commiſſion is hereby Impowered to cognoſce and finally determine in all References already made, or to be made to them by this Aſſembly, and in References and Appeals for Tranſporting Miniſters to the *North*, the *Highlands* and *Iſlands* which ſhall be brought before them, according to the Overtures made thereanent *Anno* 1699, and that Tranſportations to any Pariſhes in theſe places, whether Priviledged by former Acts of Aſſembly or not be carryed on, and that in the moſt expedit way, providing that the Commiſſion do not meddle with Sentences of Synods, excepting Cauſes particularly referred to them.

5. The ſaid Commiſſion is to apply to Her Majeſty for the Civil Sanction, to Faſts and Thanſgivings as occaſion requires, and to ſpecify the Cauſes thereof.

6. The ſaid Commiſſion is Impowered to give all due advice and aſſiſtance to any Propoſals that may be made to them, about Endeavours for Reformation of Manners, for the effectual curbing and ſuppreſſing of Prophaneneſs and Vice.

7. The Commiſſion is Impowered to give all due aſſiſtance to any Synod or Presbyterie in difficult caſes as they ſhall be applyed unto by them for that effect.

8. The Commiſſion is appointed to take ſpecial care to keep and maintain Unity in the Church upon all Emergents, eſpecially among the Miniſters thereof, and to gain ſuch as ſeparat therefrom, and to ſuppreſs Error and Schiſm in this Church, and proſecute the Authors and Spreaders of Books and Pamphlets tending thereto, as is by another Act recommended to Presbyteries, and to take notice how any who have been cenſured by preceeding Aſſemblies or Commiſſions thereof have carried, and to proceed to further Cenſure as the ſaid Commiſſion ſhall ſee cauſe: And further the General Aſſembly does hereby renew the firſt paragraph of the 18*th* Act of the General Aſſembly 1706, concerning Schiſm and Diſorders, and appoints the ſame to ſtand as an Inſtruction to this Commiſſion, and that they take notice of what miſrepreſentations may be made, either at Home or Abroad, of the Doctrine, Worſhip or Conſtitution of this Church, and that

they take all decent and proper methods for the Vindication thereof.

9. That the Commission endeavour to make effectual whatever hath been by this and preceeding Assemblies agreed upon concerning the Erecting of Schools in the *North*, the *Highlands* and *Islands*, and what else may tend to the Advancement of Religion and Reformation in these places, as also to give all due assistance and encouragement to any Proposals that may be made for propagating the knowledge of God and our Lord Jesus Christ, in these and Forreign parts of the World, and to apply to, and correspond with the Lords of Council and Session about this Design, and if need be to Address Her Majesty thereanent, and to write to Presbyteries from time to time to excite Charitable Persons in their bounds, to contribute towards that Design, and to correspond with the Society in *Scotland* for propagating Christian Knowledge when the same shall be established, in order to advance the said Pious Design, and Presbyteries are appointed to return accounts of their Diligence in that matter to the said Commission: And further its referred to the Commission to use their endeavours for putting in Execution the fifth Act of the Assembly 1707, Entituled, *Act anent a School in every Parish, and a Contribution thereanent*: As also the eight Act of that same Assembly, Entituled, *Act for suppressing of Popery, and preventing the growth thereof:* And likewayes the fifteenth Act of that same Assembly, Entituled, *Act against Innovations in the Worship of God.*

10. That the Commission have a special Respect, so far as the present circumstances require to the ninth Act of the General Assembly 1703, concerning the planting of Vacant Churches in the *North*, the *Highlands* and *Islands*, and supplying thereof with Ministers and Probationers; And the Commission is hereby Impowered to proceed according to the said Act, in so far as they shall find it needful.

11. That the said Commission receive and consider any Representations or References that shall be made to them by Presbytries and others concerned about large and spacious Paroches, and use all means proper for them for obtaining, and rendering effectual, and preserving new Erections in such Paroches, or Stipends to Collegiat Ministers thereto.

12. Seing there is not a full Report made to this Assembly concerning the Libraries, *Irish* Bibles, Psalm Books, and Catechisms, and about the state of the Church, in the *Highlands* and *Islands*, and the remaining Idolatrous Pagan and Popish Superstitious Customs, in some places there: The General Assembly recommends to this Commission to prosecute the Instructions given thereanent by the General Assembly,

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bly, *Anno* 1706, to their Commission, and to use all means in their Power, for extirpating these Idolatrous and Superstitious Practices, and to take care that the Charges of any who have been Imployed about the same, be reimbursed out of the Money given by Her Majesty for these ends.

The General Assembly hereby Impowers their Commission to give all due assistance to the several Universities and Colledges, when any Minister is called to any Office therein, and to receive Appeals and References: And finally to determine in the same.

XI.

Act for Erecting publick Libraries in Presbyteries.

Edinburgh, April 26th, 1709. *ante merid.* Sess. 12.

THE General Assembly considering, how much it might tend to the Advancement of Learning, that publick Libraries were settled, at least one in every Presbyterie, and many Pious and Charitably inclined Persons, having Contributed toward that good Design: And the Assembly being desirous to encourage and promote the same; Does hereby earnestly Recommend it to such of the Presbyteries of this Church, as have not received any of the *Books* sent for that end from *England*, to contribute amongst themselves, in order to lay a Foundation for a Library at each Presbytery seat: And also endeavour to procure Collections in their several Paroches of more or less, according as their Parochiners are able and willing to give and bestow for that end, and the General Assembly refers it to their Commission to use all endeavours to forward the Execution of what is hereby Recommended; And *Presbyteries* who have got a share of these Libraries, are desired to send accounts to the Commission of their Receipt of them, where they are fixed, how they have observed the Rules sent with these Libraries, and what Improvements they are making of them, and other things relating to the said Libraries enjoined to them by Acts of former Assemblies and their Commissions.

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Act against Bourignionism.

Edinburgh, 26 April 1709. Sess. 12.

THE General Assembly understanding, that the dangerous Errors of *Bourignionism*, already condemned by this Church, do notwithstanding abound in some places of this Nation; Does therefore earnestly Recommend it to Presbyteries to use all effectual means, to prevent the spreading of these and other Errors, as is enjoined by the 10*th* Act of the General Assembly, held *anno* 1701, and other Acts thereinmentioned; And further does hereby instruct their Commission, to use all suitable endeavours for that purpose, and particularly, if there be any Meetings of such as are tainted with these Errors, that care be taken to suppress the same.

XIII.

Act concerning the Larger Overtures about the Method of Procedure in Church Judicatories, and other Overtures mentioned in the 13th, 14th, *and* 16th *Acts of the General Assembly*, 1708.

Edinburgh, 26 *April* 1709, *post merid.* Sess. 13.

THE General Assembly finding that many Presbyteries have not as yet returned their Opinions as to the Overture and Recommendation concerning Probationers, and Intrants to the Holy Ministry, and the Recommendation concerning competing Calls, contained in the 13*th* and 14*th* Acts of the last Assembly, nor their Remarks upon the larger Overtures, concerning the Method of Procedure in Ecclesiastick Judicatories, which were transmitted to them by former General Assemblies; Does hereby of new require and enjoin the several Presbyteries furthwith, to take under their consideration, the said Larger Overtures, especially the second Chapter, Sections first, second, third, fourth, fifth and ninth thereof; And Chapter third, Sections, first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, twelth and thirteenth of that Chapter: And also the said other Overtures and Recommendations, and send in their Opinions about the same to the Com-

Commission of this Assembly, against their Meeting in *August* next: And the General Assembly Recommends it to Presbyteries, to take the Methods which they shall judge most effectual, either by appointing Dyets in *hunc effectum*, or Committees, to consider the said Overtures and Report to the Presbyteries, and to the end that the Assembly may be in the better case to consider these and other things of importance that may come before them: The General Assembly Recommends it to Presbyteries, to chuse the wisest and most grave and experienced of their Number, to represent them in the next Assembly.

XIV.

Act concerning Bursaries.

Edinburgh 27 April 1709. Sess. Ult.

THE General Assembly having enquired, how Synods and Presbyteries have obeyed what is enjoined by the 13*th* Act of the General Assembly, held *anno* 1704. Entituled, *Act for bestowing Bursaries upon Students having* Irish: And finding that some Synods and Presbyteries has been Deficient in that Matter, and judging it needful to continue the said Act for some time, did and hereby doe enjoin the several Presbyteries yet to collect and pay in their proportions of Money, for maintaining Bursars in manner prescribed by the said Act for bygone years, and Synods are appointed to see this done, and to record their Diligence in this matter in their Books, and bring an account thereof to the next General Assembly; And the General Assembly renews and revives the said Act, and Appoints the same to stand, and be in force until the next Assembly, and in the mean time refers it to their Commission to think upon and prepare some Overtures for the right Application and Management of the foresaid Bursaries for the future, and Report the same to the next General Assembly.

XV.

Act concerning Miniſters Depoſed, or Suſpended, and Probationers Silenced.

Edinburgh 27th *April* 1709. Seſſ. Ult.

THE General Aſſembly conſidering, that Church Judicatories and Congregations, are and may be impoſed upon by Miniſters Depoſed or Suſpended, and Probationers whoſe Licences are taken from them and Declared null, for Irregularities and Miſdemeanours, to the great prejudice of the Intereſts of Religion; Does therefore Appoint the ſeveral Synods and *Presbyteries* of this Church to ſend accounts from time to time to the Clerk of the General Aſſembly of all Miſters, who are, or ſhall be Depoſed, or Suſpended, and Probationers, who are, or ſhall be Silenced by them: And the Clerk is hereby ordered to lay the ſame before the General Aſſembly or Commiſſion thereof at their firſt Meeting after it comes to his hand, that due and proper Methods may be uſed to make the ſame publickly known to all concerned.

XVI.

Act appointing the Dyet of the next General Aſſembly.

Edinburgh 27 *April* 1709. Seſſ. Ult.

THE General Aſſembly of this Church is appointed to be holden at *Edinburgh* upon the laſt *Wedneſday* of *April* next 1710 years, being the Twenty ſixth Day of that Moneth.

This General Aſſembly was concluded with Prayer, Singing of the 48 *Pſalm from the* 10th *Verſe and pronounceing of the Bleſſing.*

Collected and Extracted from the Regiſters of the General Aſſembly, by

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Repreſentation by Mr. *John Dundas*, *John Blair* and *Nicol Spence*, concerning the publick Debts of the Church, and and the Arrears due to themſelves, with the Aſſemblies Act thereanent, and Nomination of a Committee for Reviſing the Accompts of the publick Servants of the Church. *April.* 25. Seſſ. 10. *ante merid.*

Act allowing Mrs. *Moſman* the Priviledge of Printing the Acts of Aſſembly, providing ſhe keep a Printing-Houſe of of her own, and ſell them at one penny ſterling each ſheet. *Ibid*

The Commiſſion Book Examined and Atteſted according to the Act of the General Aſſembly, 1706. *Ib.*

The Presbytery of *Dunkeld* appointed to be exact in trying Mr. *Patrick Steuart's* Qualifications for the Pariſh of *Auchtergaven*. *Ib.*

The Queens Commiſſioner did acquaint the Aſſembly, that Her Majeſty had received, and did gracionſly accept of their Anſwer to Her Letter. *Ib.*

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A Letter from Mr. *James Kirkwood* concerning the Liberaries sent from *London*, and an order for writing Letters of Thanks to Dr. *Bray*, Mr. *Woodcock*, Mr. *Neilson*, Mr. *Yates* and *Mr. Straiton* in *England*, for their care in procuring these Libraries: As also to the said *Mr. Kirkwood*, with a Reference to the Commission concerning a new Impression of the Bible in the *Irish* Language. Ib.

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Reference to the Commission concerning Printing of the Translation of the Confession of Faith, Larger and Shorter Catechisms of this Church in the *Irish* Language. Ib.

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Act appointing the Call of *Dingwal* to *Mr. Daniel Bain* to be transmitted to him, and appointing the Presbytry of *Edinburgh* to enter *Mr. Duncan Campbel* on Tryals, in order to his succeeding *Mr. Bain* as Chaplane to Lieutenent General *Murrays* Regiment, with a Reference to the Commission for furnishing Chaplanes to *Scots* Regiments. *Ib.*

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